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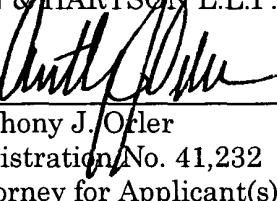
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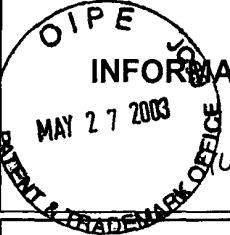
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	09-260510	10/03/97	JAPAN			Abstract	
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